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Notice of a Public Workshop on the Basin Plan Amendment for the Control of Diazinon and Chlorpyrifos Discharges in the Lower San Joaquin River

Staff of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) will hold a public workshop on the proposed Basin Plan Amendment for the Control of Diazinon and Chlorpyrifos Discharges in the Lower San Joaquin River. This will be the final staff workshop prior to consideration of this amendment at the Central Valley Water Board hearing on October 20 or 21, 2005. The Central Valley Water Board is the lead state agency charged with the protection of water quality in the Central Valley. The Central Valley Water Board's Basin Plan contains water quality objectives and identifies programs of implementation to meet those water quality objectives. The Central Valley Water Board conducts a formal public process to amend its Basin Plan.

This proposed Basin Plan Amendment will include:

- Chlorpyrifos water quality objectives for the lower San Joaquin River from the Mendota Pool to the Airport Way Bridge near Vernalis. Diazinon water quality objectives were considered, but not recommended.
- TMDLs for diazinon and chlorpyrifos, including identification of the loading capacity and load and wasteload allocations.
- A program of implementation and compliance schedule to attain the objectives and TMDL.
- A surveillance and monitoring program to track compliance and potential impacts of replacement pesticides.

A public review draft Basin Plan Amendment Report is being prepared, which explains the approach being recommended for the Basin Plan Amendment and the alternatives considered. Persons subscribed to the electronic mail list or who have requested to be notified by regular mail will be informed when the Report is available (also see "Contact Information" below).

This workshop will provide participants with: 1) a final update of the proposed Basin Plan Amendment and public review draft staff report prior to consideration of the amendment by the Regional Board; 2) an opportunity to comment on the content of the public review draft Basin Plan Amendment staff report; 3) an opportunity to hear comments from interested parties on the proposed amendment to the Basin Plan. A written response to comments made at the workshop will not be prepared.

Time and Location of Public Workshop:

Date: 21 September 2005
Time: 10 am to 12 noon
Place: Stanislaus County Agricultural Center
Rooms D and E
3800 Cornucopia Way
Modesto, CA 95358

The workshop facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodation are requested to contact Diane Beaulaurier at (916) 464-4637 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

Who Should Attend

Groups or individuals interested in the diazinon and chlorpyrifos impairment in the San Joaquin River are encouraged to attend. This includes, but is not limited to, licensed pesticide applicators or growers or their representatives, water district managers, environmental groups, government officials or others with interest in or responsibility for pesticide regulation, agricultural drainage, storm water management, and wastewater treatment and disposal. If unable to attend in person, public comments regarding this Basin Plan amendment process or content can be forwarded to Diane Beaulaurier prior to the meeting via email at dbeaulaurier@waterboards.ca.gov.

Contact Information

Persons wishing to subscribe to the electronic mailing list related to this amendment can do so through our website by clicking on the "Subscribe" button on the right side of our webpage at:

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/>.

(NOTE: Check the box titled "San Joaquin River Diazinon/Chlorpyrifos")

All future information and notifications pertaining to this amendment will be provided electronically through this subscription service, and to those interested parties who have requested notification via US mail. For further information, contact Diane Beaulaurier at dbeaulaurier@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 464-4637.

Original signed by

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